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SUBJECT: CAUSE OF DEATH OF LT COL DON SPENCER, 456-36-884

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1. THE BELGIAN MEDICAL SOCIETY FORBIDS ITS MEMBERS FROM DISCLOSING EXACT CAUSES OF DEATH. MEDICAL CERTIFICATES SIMPLY GIVE CAUSES OF DEATH AS QUOTE NATURAL CAUSES UNQUOTE OR QUOTE SUICIDE UNQUOTE, ETC., WITHOUT FURTHER DEFINITION.
2. LOCAL BELGIAN POLICE AUTHORITIES TOLD CONSULAR OFFICER INFORMALLY THAT SUBJECT DIED FROM CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING. HOWEVER, POLICE REFUSE TO STATE THIS OFFICIALLY OR IN WRITING.
3. EMBASSY COULD ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN AN OFFICIAL WRITTEN STATEMENT RE EXACT CAUSE OF DEATH THROUGH THE BELGIAN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. HOWEVER, THIS WOULD REQUIRE A FORMAL DIPLOMATIC NOTE AND LAPSE OF SEVERAL WEEKS BEFORE A RESPONSE WOULD BE FORTHCOMING WITH NO ASSURANCE THAT FOREIGN MINISTRY COULD OBTAIN EXACT DATA.
4. PLEASE ADVISE IF YOU WISH EMBASSY ATTEMPT GET STATEMENT THROUGH FOREIGN MINISTRY. RENNER

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